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terms of familiarity with her mother and presently would learn to call her "mother". The suggestion of actual blood-relationship carried by that term would not fail to react on the view taken by his mates of his marital union: if his wife's mother is his mother, incest has been committed: he has married his own sister. In order then to discourage all suspicion of incest, it is best to avoid *all* relations with one's mother-in-law, to ignore her. "Thus," concludes Reinach, "avoidance of the mother-in-law seems to me to be nothing else but an emphatic, categorical denial of the possibility of incest between brother and sister: the definitive proof that my wife is not my sister lies in the fact that I do not know, refuse to know, her mother; and that the latter professes a similar attitude toward me."

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ARROW-CHIPPING BY MEANS OF FIRE AND WATER

FOLLOWING is a quotation from a communication by Ed. Nagle, an old fur-trader of the far north of Canada, who is now in British Columbia, addressed to Mr Frederick W. Godsal of Cowley, Alberta, regarding the flaking of stone arrowpoints among the Athapascans Indians of Great Bear Lake, Mackenzie Territory:

"I am sure you have given up all hopes of hearing from me on flint arrow heads question; but I was simply trying to find out for certain how they manufactured these arrow points from the rough, and here it is. I sent to Edmonton for my note book used while on a trip to Great Bear Lake, and here are my notes: 'Flint is not chipped with stone or with metal, but with water. When an Indian wished to make an arrow head he held a piece of flint in the fire until it was very hot, then allowed a drop of water to drip from the end of a stick upon the spot to be chipped off.' The sudden cooling made the flint chip off immediately; some cunning is of course necessary in the shaping of the arrow head, but the old Indian method is the best that has been found as yet. When I wrote you previously to this it was an arrowhead made from a slate stone, which the Esquimeaux use in place of flint for boys."